

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 3, 5, 11 and 13 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-4 and 11-12. Claims 3 and 11 are now presented in independent form and recite all the features of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Claims 5 and 13 have been amended, and Applicants submit that amended claims 5 and 13 are in conformance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Therefore, Applicants request withdrawal and reconsideration of the rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 7-9 and 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,219,021 to Izumi.

The Examiner contends that Izumi discloses an electronic apparatus having a display panel and a lighting means for lighting the display panel; a parameter adjusting means for, with a variation in a light state as a trigger, adjusting a parameter; and a signal correcting means for inputting and correcting an input display signal. The Examiner contends Izumi discloses that the adjusted parameter is the size of the characters.

Claims 1 and 9 recite the feature of “ . . . adjusting a parameter participating in picture quality so as to conform said light state.” The application at page 10, lines 5-19, discloses that the parameter includes tone reproduction curve corrections, hue adjustment, color gain adjustment, white balance adjustment, and edge enhancement. Acting as their own lexicographer, Applicants have defined the term ‘parameter’ to have the aforementioned meanings, which all relate to at least the color qualities of the display image. In contrast, Izumi discloses that “visibility of data displayed on the display panel can be improved by changing display configurations (size, font, normal/reverse video, etc.).” Applicants submit that Izumi fails to disclose adjusting parameters which relate to tone reproduction, hue, color, white balance, and edge enhancement. Further, the Examiner acknowledges that Izumi fails to disclose that the parameter includes information used for tone reproduction curves or a white balance adjustment.

Claims 2 and 6 depend from claim 1. Claims 10 and 14 depend from claim 9. Applicants submit that claims 2, 6, 10 and 14 are patentable over the combination of Izumi and Evanicky for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated October 6, 2003 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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